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Waskia language

Waskia (Vaskia, Woskia) is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea. It is spoken on half of Karkar Island, and a small part of the shore on the mainland, by 20,000 people; language use is vigorous. The Waskia share their island with speakers of Takia, an Oceanic language which has been restructured under the influence of Waskia, which is the inter-community language. Waskia has been documented extensively by Malcolm Ross and is being further researched by Andrew Pick.

Waskia	
Region	Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	20,000 (2007)[1]
Language family	Trans–New Guinea? ▪ Madang ▪ Croisilles ▪ Isumrud ▪ Kowan ▪ **Waskia**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`wsk`
Glottolog	`wask1241` (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/wask1241)[2]

Waskia is spoken in Tokain (4.715575°S 145.633995°E), a village in Malas ward, Sumgilbar Rural LLG on the coast of mainland New Guinea, and on Karkar Island, with the island and mainland varieties being lexically divergent from each other.[3][4]

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